BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINING COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusa	ation against:)		
ALIAKBAR ALAVI, P.A. License No. #PA-12223)))	No:	1E-93-29287
- Anna and	Respondent.))		

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Physician Assistant Examining Committee, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decis	ion shall become effective on $_$	September 4	, 1998 .
DATED _	August 5, 1998		

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
STATE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
In the Matter of the Accusation) Case No. 1E-93-29287	
Against:) OAH NO. D-5367 ALTAKBAR P.A ALAVI) STIPULATED SETTLEMENT	
18611 Keswick Street) AND	
)	
Physician Assistant Certificate No.) PA-12223,	
Respondent.)	
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the	
parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following	
matters are true:	
1. An Accusation in case number 1E-93-29287 was filed	
with the Physician Assistant Examining Committee, of the Medical	
Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs (the	
"Committee") on October 13, 1995, and is currently pending	
against Aliakbar P.A Alavi (the "respondent").	
2. The Accusation, together with all statutorily	
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- 3. The Complainant, Ray E. Dale, is the Executive Officer of the Physician Assistant Examining Committee and brought this action solely in his official capacity. The Complainant is represented by the Attorney General of California, Daniel E. Lungren, by and through Deputy Attorney General Karen B. Chappelle.
- 4. The respondent is represented in this matter by Lawrence Levy, Esq., whose address is 14724 Ventura Blvd. Suite 906, Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403.
- 5. The respondent and his attorney have fully discussed the charges contained in Accusation number D-5367 and the respondent has been fully advised regarding his legal rights and the effects of this stipulation.
- 6. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been licensed by the Physician Assistant Examining Committee under Physician Assistant Certificate No. PA-12223.
- 7. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation and that, if proven at hearing, the charges and allegations would constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician Assistant Certificate. Respondent is fully aware of his right to a hearing on the charges contained in the Accusation, his right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him, his right to the use of subpoenas to

compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in both defense and mitigation of the charges, his right to reconsideration, appeal and any and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. Respondent knowingly, voluntarily and irrevocably waives and give up each of these rights.

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every allegation of the Accusation No. D-5367, and agrees that respondent has thereby subjected his Physician Assistant Certificate to disciplinary action. Respondent agrees to be bound by the Committee's Disciplinary Order as set forth below.
- 9. Based on the foregoing admissions and stipulated matters, the parties agree that the Committee shall, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

Certificate number PA-12223 issued to Aliakbar P.A Alavi is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for three years on the following terms and conditions.

(1) ACTUAL SUSPENSION As part of probation, respondent is suspended from the practice of medicine as a physician assistant for ene month, beginning the effective date of this decision.

1. <u>CONTROLLED DRUGS - TOTAL RESTRICTIONS</u> Respondent shall not administer, order, transmit orally or in writing on a

patient's record or hand to a patent, or possess any controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act. (1) CONTROLLED DRUGS - MAINTAIN RECORD

Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances administered, transmitted orally or in writing on a patient's record or handed to a patient by the respondent during probation showing all the following: 1) the name and address of the patient, 2) the date, 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved, and 4) the indications and diagnosis for which the controlled substance was furnished, 5) the name of supervising physician prescriber.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, and shall make them available for inspection and copying by the Physician Assistant Examining Committee or its designee, upon request and without charge.

- days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Physician Assistant Examining Committee or its designee for its prior approval a community service program in which respondent shall provide free medical services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least 20 hours a month for the first six months of probation.
- 2. <u>EDUCATION COURSE</u> Within 90 days of the effective date of the decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, respondent shall submit to the Physician Assistant Examining Committee or its designee for its prior approval an educational program or course from an accredited program which shall not be

less than 100 hours per year (60 hours Category 1 CME and 40 hours Category 2 CME), for each year of probation. Respondent shall participate in the education course at his own expense. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance and satisfactory completion for the annual 100 hours per year of continuing medical education.

- 3. ETHICS COURSE Within three months of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Committee or its designee for its prior approval a course in ethics, which respondent shall successfully complete during the first year of probation. Respondent shall participate in the ethics course at his own expense.
- effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Committee or its designee for its prior approval, an intensive clinical training program which shall include the exact number of hours and the specific content of the program. Respondent shall participate in the clinical training program at his own expense. Respondent shall successfully complete the training program and may be required to pass an examination administered by the Committee or its designee related to the program's contents.
- (1) MONITORING/SUPERVISION Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Committee or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which respondent's practice shall be monitored by an approved supervising physician responsible for patients treated by the physician assistant.

If the supervising physician/monitor resigns or is no longer available, respondent shall, within 15 days, move to have a new supervising physician/monitor appointed, through nomination by respondent and approval by the Committee.

Respondent shall not practice as a physician assistant until a supervising physician is approved by the Committee.

5. MAINTENANCE OF PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS Respondent shall keep written medical records on all patient contacts (including all visits and phone calls).

All medical records originated by the respondent shall be reviewed, initialed, and dated daily by the supervising physician.

This condition shall be valid for the duration of the probationary term.

- 6. <u>ON-SITE SUPERVISION</u> Respondent shall have at all times on-site supervision by an approved supervising physician.
- 7. <u>CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW OF PATTENT</u> All medical records originated by the respondent shall be reviewed, initialed, and dated daily by the supervising physician on a case-by-case basis.

The patient's condition shall be reviewed by the supervising physician prior to the patient leaving the facility.

This condition shall be valid for the duration of the probationary period.

8. MAINTENANCE AND REVIEW OF DRUG RECORDS BY SUPERVISING
PHYSICIAN Respondent shall have partial drug restrictions, with
maintenance and review of drug records by the supervising

physician. The following restrictions shall apply:

Respondent shall notify his current and any subsequent employer and supervising physician(s) of his discipline and provide a copy of the Stipulation, Decision, and Order to each such employer and supervising physician(s) during his period of probation, at the onset of that employment.

Respondent shall ensure that each employer informs the Physician Assistant Examining Committee, or its agent, in writing within thirty (30) days, verifying that the employer and supervision physician(s) has been informed of this Stipulation and Order.

- 9. <u>FILE MONTHLY PROBATION REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit monthly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Committee or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 10. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u> Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine as a physician assistant in California.
- 11. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Committee or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 12. <u>SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM</u> Respondent shall comply with the Committee's probation surveillance program.
- 13. <u>INTERVIEW WITH MEDICAL CONSULTANT</u> Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Committee's medical or

expert physician assistant consultant upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

- 14. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE OR RESIDENCE The period of probation shall not run during the time respondent is residing or practicing outside the jurisdiction of California, whether permanently or temporarily. If, during probation, respondent moves out of the jurisdiction of California to reside or practice elsewhere, including at federal facilities, respondent is required to immediately notify the Committee in writing within ten (10) days of the date or departure, and the date or return, if any.
- in person for an initial interview with a designee of the Physician Assistant Examining Committee within 90 days of the final decision. Respondent shall subject himself/herself to an initial interview at a time and place determined by the Committee or its designee.
- 16. <u>UNANNOUNCED CLINICAL SITE VISIT</u> At least once per calendar year or more frequently as determined by the Committee or its designee unannounced clinical site visits shall be made by the Committee or its designee to ensure that respondent is complying with all terms and conditions of probation.
- 17. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u> Upon successful completion of probation as determined by the Committee's executive officer, respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 18. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u> If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Committee after giving respondent

notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final. No petition for modification or termination of probation shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against respondent.

19. REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE As a condition of probation, respondent shall reimburse the Physician Assistant Examining Committee for investigative costs in the amount of \$.3K

CONTINGENCY

This stipulation shall be subject to the approval of the Committee. Respondent understands and agrees that Committee staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Committee regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by respondent or his counsel. If the Committee fails to adopt this stipulation as its Order, the stipulation shall be of no force or effect, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Committee shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.

ACCEPTANCE

I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and
Disciplinary Order. I have fully discussed the terms and
conditions and other matters contained therein with my attorney,

1	Lawrence Levy. I understand the effect this Stipulated
2	Settlement and Disciplinary Order will have on my Physician
3	Assistant Certificate, and agree to be bound thereby. I enter
4	this stipulation freely, knowingly, intelligently and
5	voluntarily.
6	DATED: 3.25-96
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8	ALIAKBAR P.A ALAVI
9	Respondent
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.1	I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and
.2	Disciplinary Order and approve of it as to form and content. I
.3	have fully discussed the terms and conditions and other matters
.4	therein with respondent Aliakbar P.A Alavi.
.5	DATED: 3-25-86
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.7	Lawrence Levy
8	Attorney for Respondent
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20	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>
21	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
22	Order is hereby respectfully submitted for the consideration of
23	the Physician Assistant Examining Committee, Medical Board of
24	California Department of Consumer Affairs.
25	DATED: March 25/1996.
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EXHIBIT &

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12	ALIAKBAR ALAVI P.A.,) A C C U S A T I O N
13	18611 Keswick Street) Reseda, California 91335)
14) Physician Assistant Certificate No.)
15	PA-12223,
1.6	Respondent.)
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18	The Complainant alleges:
19	<u>PARTIES</u>
20	1. Complainant, Ray E. Dale, is the Executive Officer
21	of the Physician Assistant Examining Committee (hereinafter the
22	"Committee") and brings this accusation solely in his official
23	capacity.
24	2. On or about October 3, 1988, Physician Assistant
25	Certificate No. PA-12223 was issued by the Committee to Aliakbar
26	P.A Alavi (hereinafter "respondent"), and at all times relevant
27	to the charges brought herein, this license has been in full

force and effect. Unless renewed, it will expire on January 31, 1997.

JURISDICTION

- 3. This accusation is brought before the Physician Assistant Examining Committee of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter the "Committee"), under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code"):
 - A. Section 3527 provides that:

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- "(a) The committee may order the denial of an application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon a physician's assistant certificate after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for unprofessional conduct which includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the State Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the committee or the board.
- "(b) The committee may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, an approved program after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for a violation of this chapter or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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B. Section 651 of the Code states in pertinent part:

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"(a) It is unlawful for any person licensed under this division or under any initiative act referred to in this division to disseminate or cause to be disseminated, any form of public communication containing a false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statement or claim, for the purpose of or likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the rendering of professional services . . .

- "(b) A false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive statement or claim includes a statement or claim which does any of the following:
 - "(1) Contains a misrepresentation of fact.
 - "(2) Is likely to mislead or deceive because of a failure to disclose material facts.

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- "(4) Relates to fees, other than a standard consultation fee or a range of fees for specific types of services, without fully and specifically disclosing all variables and other material factors
- "(c) Any price advertisement shall be exact, . . . Price advertising shall not be fraudulent, deceitful, or misleading, including statements or advertisements of bait, discount, premiums, gifts, or any statements of a similar nature.
- "(g) Any violation of any provision of this section by a person so licensed shall constitute good

cause for revocation or suspension of his or her license or other disciplinary action.

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- C. Section 725 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
 - "Repeated acts of . . . clearly excessive prescribing or administering of drugs or treatment, repeated acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures, or repeated acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic or treatment facilities as determined by the standard of the community of licensees is unprofessional conduct for a physician and surgeon . . . "
- D. Section 810 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
 - "(a) It shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of a license or certificate, for a health care professional to do any of the following in connection with his professional activities:
 - "(1) Knowingly present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss under a contract of insurance.
 - "(2) Knowingly prepare, make, or subscribe any writing, with intent to present or use the same, or to allow it to be presented or used in support of any

such claim.

"(b) It shall constitute cause for revocation or suspension of a license or certificate for a health care professional to engage in any conduct prohibited under Section 1871.1 or 1871.4 of the Insurance Code.

- " (c) As used in this section, health care professional means any person licensed or certified pursuant to this division. . . .
- E. Section 2261 of the Code provides in pertinent part:

"Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine or podiatry which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

F. Section 2262 of the Code provides in pertinent part:

"Altering or modifying the medical record of any person, with fraudulent intent, or creating any false medical record, with fraudulent intent, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

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G. Section 2273 of the Code provides in pertinent part:

"Except as otherwise allowed by law, the

employment of runners, cappers, steerers, or other persons to procure patients constitutes unprofessional conduct."

- H. Section 2242 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
 - "(a) Prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, constitutes unprofessional conduct. . . . "
- I. Section 4227 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
 - " (a) No person shall furnish any dangerous drug or device except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian."
- J. Section 4211 of the Code provides in pertinent part:
 - "'pangerous drug' means any drug unsafe for selfmedication, except veterinary drugs which are labeled
 as such, and includes the following: (a) Any drug which
 bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits
 dispensing without prescription' or words of similar
 import . . . (c) Any other drug . . . which by federal
 or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on
 prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4240.
- K. Sections 2018 and 3510 of the Code provide that the Physician Assistant Examining Committee shall adopt, amend, and repeal such regulations as may be necessary to

enable it to implement the provisions of Chapter 7.7, Code sections 3500 to 3546, entitled the Physician Assistant Practice Act, which is under its jurisdiction.

- L. Section 3502 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law, a physician assistant may perform those medical services as set forth by the regulations of the board when such services are rendered under the supervision of a licensed physician or physicians approved by the board."
- M. Physician Assistant Regulations contained in the California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations"), promulgated pursuant to Code sections 2018, 3502 and 3510, have been in full force and effect during all dates relevant to the instant accusation. (See Regulations section 1399.500.)
- N. Regulations section 1399.521, subdivisions (c) and (d), provide, in pertinent part, that "the committee may . . . suspend [or] revoke . . . a physician's assistant [license] for . . . [p]racticing as a physician's assistant under a physician . . . who has not received the approval of the board [or p]erforming medical tasks which exceed the scope of practice of a physician's assistant as prescribed by these regulations."
- O. Regulations section 1399.541, subdivision (f) provides, in pertinent part, that a physician assistant is not authorized to prescribe medication.
 - P. Regulations section 1399.541, subdivision (h)

provides, in pertinent part, that "[a] physician assistant may [a]dminister medication to a patient, or transmit orally, or in writing on a patient's record, a prescription for his or her medication. . . . The supervising physician's prescription, transmitted by the physician assistant, for any patient cared for by the physician assistant, shall be based either on a patient-specific order by the supervising physician or on written protocol which specifies all criteria for the use of a specific drug. . A physician assistant shall not provide or transmit a prescription for a drug other than the drug specified in the protocol, without a patient-specific order from a supervising physician. At the direction and under the supervision of a physician supervisor, a physician assistant may hand to a patient of the supervising physician a properly labeled prescription drug prepackaged by a physician, a manufacturer, as defined in the Pharmacy Law, In any case, the medical record of any or a pharmacist. patient cared for by the physician assistant for whom the physician's prescription has been transmitted or carried out shall be reviewed and countersigned and dated by a supervising physician within seven (7) days. A physician assistant may not administer, provide or transmit a prescription for controlled substances in Schedules II through V inclusive without patient specific authority by a supervising physician."

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Q. Regulations section 1399.545, subdivision (a)

provides that as part of the supervision requirement imposed on physician assistants, "[a] supervising physician shall be available in person or by electronic communication at all times when the physician assistant is caring for patients."

- R. Regulations section 1399.545, subdivision (e), subsection (3) provides, in pertinent part, that "[a] physician assistant and his or her supervising physician shall establish in writing guidelines for the adequate supervision of the physician assistant which shall include . . . (3) . . . protocols to govern the performance of a physician assistant . . . The minimum content for a protocol as referred to in this section shall include [guidelines regarding] drugs to recommend to the patient . . "
- S. Regulations section 1399.545, subdivision (h) provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]he supervising physician has continuing responsibility to follow the progress of the patient and to make sure that the physician assistant does not function autonomously. The supervising physician shall be responsible for all medical services provided by a physician assistant under his or her supervision."
- T. Section 125 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows: "Any person, licensed under the provisions of Division 1, 2, or 3 of this code is . . . subject to the discipline provisions of this Code applicable to him, who conspires with a person not so licensed to violate any

provision of this Code or who, with intent to aid or assist such persons in violating such provisions: (a) Allows his license to be used by such person. (b) Acts as his agent or partner."

U. Section 125.3 provides, in part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct any licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act, to pay the Board a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 4. Respondent Aliakbar P.A Alavi is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) and 651 subdivision (a), (b), (c), and (g) of the Business and Professions Code in that on or about October 1989 to August 1990 he disseminated or caused to be disseminated public communications containing false, fraudulent, misleading and deceptive statements related to the cost of physical examinations for the purpose of inducing patients to seek and receive his services. (See subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (g) of section 651 of the Code.) The circumstances are as follows:
 - A. On or about October 3, 1989, respondent, through his agent and partner, Advance Health Care International (hereinafter "A.H.C.I."), entered into a contract with California Tele-Marketing for the purpose of soliciting patients for respondent's medical practice, Comprehensive

Medical Center (hereinafter "Comprehensive"), located in Encino.

- B. For the period on or about October 3, 1989 to
 August 1990, California Tele-Marketing, through its
 employees, placed telephone calls to prospective consumers
 of medical services, offering medical examinations at
 Comprehensive at no cost to them.
- C. On or before November 1, 1989, P.H. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination and was informed by the telephone solicitor that her examination would be free of charge. P.H. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about November 1, 1989 and November 11, 1989. Comprehensive then billed P.H. for services exceeding the examination solicited without having disclosed beforehand that such services would be rendered and charged to P.H.
- D. On or before January 9, 1990, L.A.H. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination and was informed by the telephone solicitor that her medical insurance would pay for everything. L.A.H. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about January 9, 1990 and February 1, 1990. Her insurance company, Blue Shield, was billed approximately \$769 for the medical examinations she received

at Comprehensive on or about January 9, 1990 and February 1, 1990, but paid only \$361. Comprehensive, acting through a collection agency, demanded that L.A.H. pay the balance owed of \$371.

- E. On or before January 18, 1990, S.R. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination and was informed by the telephone solicitor that whatever her insurance company paid for the medical service would be considered as payment in full. S.R. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about January 18, 1990 and February 1, 1990. Comprehensive then billed S.R. for services exceeding the examination solicited without having disclosed beforehand that such services would be rendered and charged to S.R.
- F. On or before August 4, 1990, M.E.B. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination. M.E.B. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about August 4, 1990, August 11, 1990 and August 24, 1990. M.E.B. was billed approximately \$1,900 for these services.
- G. On or before October 6, 1990, J.R. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination and was informed by the telephone solicitor that he would have to

pay only \$25, and that as to any balance due his insurance company would be billed in a manner which would assure full payment, even if his insurance policy did not cover the actual expenses. J.R. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about October 6, 1990, October 13, 1990 and October 25, 1990. J.R. was charged approximately \$2,000 for these

services.

H. On or before November 5, 1990, R.P. was solicited by telephone to make an appointment at Comprehensive, located in Encino, for a physical examination and was informed by the telephone solicitor that he would receive this medical service for free. R.P. responded to this solicitation by undergoing physical examinations at Comprehensive on or about November 5, 1990 and November 10, 1990. Comprehensive then billed R.P. for services exceeding the examination solicited without having disclosed beforehand that such services would be rendered and charged to R.P.

I. On or about May 19, 1989, Dr. Lee DeCady and Dr. Hartley Aram, M.D., declaring themselves the sole owners thereof, filed and received approval for a fictitious-name permit which allowed them to use the name "Comprehensive Medical Center."

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

, 5. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with section 2234,

subdivision (a) and section 2271 of the Code, in that during the period October 1989 to August 1990 he violated section 2271 of the Code, unprofessional conduct, by abetting false or misleading advertizing by his agent and partner. The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 4, subparagraph A through I, inclusive above and are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

6. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) and 2273 in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) of the Code, in that during the period October 1989 to August 1990 he committed unprofessional conduct, by abetting the use of a steerer by his agent and partner to procure patients for his medical practice. The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 4, subparagraphs A-I, inclusive above and are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

7. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) and section 651, subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (g) of the Code, in that during the period October 1989 to August 1990 he disseminated or caused to be disseminated public communications containing false, fraudulent, misleading and deceptive statements related to the cost of physical examinations for the purpose of inducing patients to seek and receive his services. The circumstances are set forth in paragraph 4, subparagraphs A-I, inclusive, above and are incorporated by

reference herein as if fully set forth.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with subdivision (e), of section 2234 of the Code, in that during the period October 1989 to August 1990 he violated section 2271 of the Code, unprofessional conduct, by abetting false or misleading advertizing by his agent and partner. The circumstances are set forth in above numbered paragraph 4, subparagraphs A-I inclusive, above and are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows:
 - (a) On or about November 1, 1989 and November 11, 1989, P.H. in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination.
 - (b) Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist (i.e., headache, poor peripheral circulation, bronchitis, numbness of hands and feet) and subjected P.H. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., cerebrovascular profiling, arterial tests, and

venous studies of legs), the cost of which he billed to P.H. The circumstances are set forth in above lettered paragraphs A-I, and are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows: On or about January 9, 1990 and February 1, 1990, L.A.H., in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination. Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in L.A.H. (i.e., chronic bronchitis, hypercholesterolemia, peripheral vascular disease) and subjected L.A.H. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., arterial testing of lower and upper extremities, carotid artery tests, complete blood count, electrocardiogram, laboratory panels, pulmonary function test, urinalysis, venipuncture, x-rays), the cost of which he billed to The circumstances are set forth in above lettered paragraphs A-I, and are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with section 2234,

subdivision (a) and section 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows: On or about January 18, 1990 and February 1, 1990, S.R., in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination. Respondent, acting with his physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in S.R. (i.e., acute and chronic bronchitis, anemia, arthritis, cervicitis, depression, peripheral vascular disease) and subjected S.R. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., arterial testing of upper and lower extremities, carotid artery tests, chest x-ray, electrocardiogram, pap smear, pelvic ultrasound, pulmonary function studies, vascular studies), the cost of which he billed to S.R.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows: On or about August 4, 1990, August 11, 1990 and August 24, 1990, M.E.B., in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination. Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in M.E.B. (i.e., arthritis, heart murmur, hepatomegaly,

peripheral vascular disease, varices of lower extremities) and subjected M.E.B. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., abdominal tests, carotid artery test, chest x-ray, entire laboratory panels, cervical lumbosacral spine test, vascular studies), the cost of which he billed to M.E.B.

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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under 13. section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (a), section 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding an abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows: On or about October 6, 1990, October 13, 1990 and October 25, 1990, J.R., in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination. Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in J.R. (i.e., cephalalgia, gastritis, headaches, hepatomegaly, peripheral vascular disease, shortness of breath) and subjected J.R. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., abdominal ultrasound, pulmonary function-tests, vascular studies), the cost of which he billed to J.R.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures on a patient. The circumstances are as follows: On or about

November 5, 1990 and November 10, 1990, R.P., in response to a telephone solicitation, visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination.

Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in R.P.

(i.e., anemia, chest pain, depression, heart murmur, hyperlipidemia, peripheral vascular disease, shortness of breath) and subjected R.P. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., full vascular studies, anemia workup), the cost of which he billed to R.P.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under 15. section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with section 2234, subdivision (a) and 725 of the Code by committing and aiding and abetting acts of clearly excessive use of diagnostic procedures The circumstances are as follows: On or about on a patient. November 16, November 24, and December 11, 1989, M.P., visited respondent's place of practice, Comprehensive, to obtain a routine physical examination. Respondent, acting with physician and surgeon Dr. Lee DeCady, diagnosed and charted conditions which did not exist in M.P. (i.e., chest pain, hyperthyroidism, irritable colitis, ischemic heart disease) and subjected M.P. to unnecessary diagnostic procedures (i.e., arterial testing of lower and upper extremities, carotid artery tests, electrocardiogram, laboratory panels), the cost of which he billed to M.P.

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THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraph 9 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraph 10 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding S.R. described is above numbered paragraph 11 which in incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

SIXTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances

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regarding M.E.B. described in above numbered paragraph 12 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

SEVENTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding J.R. described in above numbered paragraph 13 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

EIGHTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding R.P. described in above numbered paragraph 14 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

NINETEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with subdivision (b) of section 2234 of the Code, for gross negligence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding M.P. described in above numbered paragraph 15 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTIETH CAUSE OF ACTION

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (c) of section 2234 of the Code, for repeated negligent acts, in

that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding patients P.H., L.A.H., S.R., M.E.B., J.R., R.P., and M.P. described, respectively, in above numbered paragraphs 9 to 22, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraph 9 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraph 10 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding S.R. described in above numbered paragraph 11 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

27. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding M.E.B. described in above numbered paragraph 12 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

28. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding J.R. described in above numbered paragraph 13 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

29. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding R.P. described in above numbered paragraph 14 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

30. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (d) of section 2234 of the Code, for incompetence, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding M.P. described in above numbered paragraph 15 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

31. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraph 9 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

TWENTY-NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

32. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraph 10 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTIETH CAUSE OF ACTION

33. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding S.R. described in above numbered paragraph 11 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

34. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding M.E.B. described in above numbered paragraph 12 which

regarding M.E.B. described in above numbered paragraph 12 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

35. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3257, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding J.R. described in above numbered paragraph 13 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

36. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding R.P. described in above numbered paragraph 14 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

37. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivision (e) of section 2234 of the Code, for dishonesty, in that he excessively used diagnostic procedures under the circumstances regarding M.P. described in above numbered paragraph 15 which is incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

38. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section, 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with 2234, subdivisions (a) and (e), of the Code, in that he presented a

fraudulent written claim to an insurance company for payment under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 9, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

39. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with 2234, subdivisions (a) and (e), of the Code, in that he presented a fraudulent written claim to an insurance company for payment under the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 10, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

40. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with 2234, subdivision (a) and (e) of the Code, in that he violated section 2261 of the Code by making or signing an insurance claim form which falsely represented the existence of a state of facts under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 9, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

41. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with 2234, subdivision (a) and (e), of the Code, in that he violated section 2261 of the Code by making or signing an insurance claim form which falsely represented the existence of a state of facts under

the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 9, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

THIRTY-NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

42. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with 2234, subdivision (a) and (e), of the Code, in that he violated section 2262 of the Code by creating a false medical record with fraudulent intent under the circumstances regarding P.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 9, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

FORTIETH CAUSE OF ACTION

43. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a), in conjunction with subdivisions (a) and (e) of section 2234 of the Code, in that he violated section 2262 of the Code by creating a false medical record with fraudulent intent, under the circumstances regarding L.A.H. described in above numbered paragraphs 4 and 9, which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

FORTY-THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

- 44. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 3527, subdivision (a) in conjunction with 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code committing acts of dishonesty. The circumstances are as follows:
 - A. On or about May 19, 1989, respondent and Dr.

 Hartley Aram, M.D., received a fictitious-name permit (No. P-16071) from the State Board of Medical Quality Assurance,

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authorizing their use of the name "Comprehensive Medical Center" in lieu of their own names, after submitting an application therefor wherein they affirmed over Dr. DeCady's signature that the medical practice was wholly owned and operated by them. The permit remained on paid and current status up to January 15, 1991.

- B. On or about October 18, 1989, A.H.C.I. filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of California.
- C. On or about May 15, 1990, a Statement of Domestic Stock Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of California by A.H.C.I., listing therein respondent as Chief Executive Officer and Nassar Lavaie as both Secretary and Chief Financial Officer.
- D. Respondent is a licensed physician assistant (No. PA 12223) who worked under respondent's supervision at Comprehensive during the period on or about November 1989 to on or about December 1990.
- E. From on or about November 1989 to on or about December 1990, insurance payment checks for medical services claimed as having been rendered to insured patients by Comprehensive were endorsed for payment to A.H.C.I. and deposited in the latter's bank accounts. A.H.C.I. paid respondent \$1,600 a month for his services to Comprehensive's patients.
- F. On or about December 6, 1990, respondent informed Medical Board personnel that he did not own Comprehensive,

- G. On or about January 10, 1991, Nassar Lavaie informed Medical Board personnel that A.H.C.I. was employed by Comprehensive to manage employees, equipment, billing and maintenance for which it received a fixed fee from Comprehensive through its owner, respondent.
- H. On or about January 25, 1991, respondent informed Medical Board personnel that insurance payment checks for medical services claimed as having been rendered to insured patients by Comprehensive are deposited in a bank account from which A.H.C.I. is paid for its services to Comprehensive by its owner, respondent.
- I. On or about February 21, 1991, respondent informed Medical Board personnel that he owned Comprehensive and that Nassar Lavaie had asked him to supervise medical services at Comprehensive.
- J. On or about July 31, 1991, records seized from Comprehensive pursuant to search warrant (No. 910059) showed that respondent was paid at the rate of \$1600 a month by A.H.C.I.
- K. On or about August 21, 1991, banking records seized pursuant to search warrant (No. 91-V-101) showed that respondent, through Comprehensive, received check payments from insurance companies and endorsed these checks over to A.H.C.I., which then deposited them into its own accounts.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, the complainant requests that a hearing be

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2	hearing, the Committee issue a decision:
3	1. Revoking or suspending Physician Assistant
4	Certificate Number PA-12223, heretofore issued to respondent
5	Aliakbar P.A Alavi;
6	2. Ordering respondent to pay the Committee the
7	actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement
8	of this case;
9	 Taking such other and further action as the
10	Committee deems proper.
11	DATED: October 13, 1995
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